

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE STRATEGY





WHAT IS A RECREATION STRATEGY?

A strategic document that will

- Guide provision, development and management of recreation and open space for the next 20 years
- Inform future Council planning and infrastructure documents
- Assist agencies, community groups, clubs and individual residents to understand Council's policy position in relation to recreation and open space



WHY DO WE NEED A STRATEGY?

The Recreation and Open Space Strategy aims to..

..collaborate with the community and key stakeholders to develop an innovative action plan for recreation provision and management throughout the Shire

And is driven by...

- Changing lifestyles
- Demand for diverse recreation opportunities
- Positive community benefits of recreation
- Councils role as provider
- Previously no strategic direction or documents



HOW HAVE WE PREPARED THE STRATEGY?

- Reviewed Eurobodalla's community profile
- Undertaken community and stakeholder consultation
- Reviewed current planning and policy context at National, State and Local level
- Developed planning framework
- Undertaken a supply audit and created an inventory
- Conducted a gap analysis
- Defined strategic direction
- Developed of a comprehensive yet flexible action plan



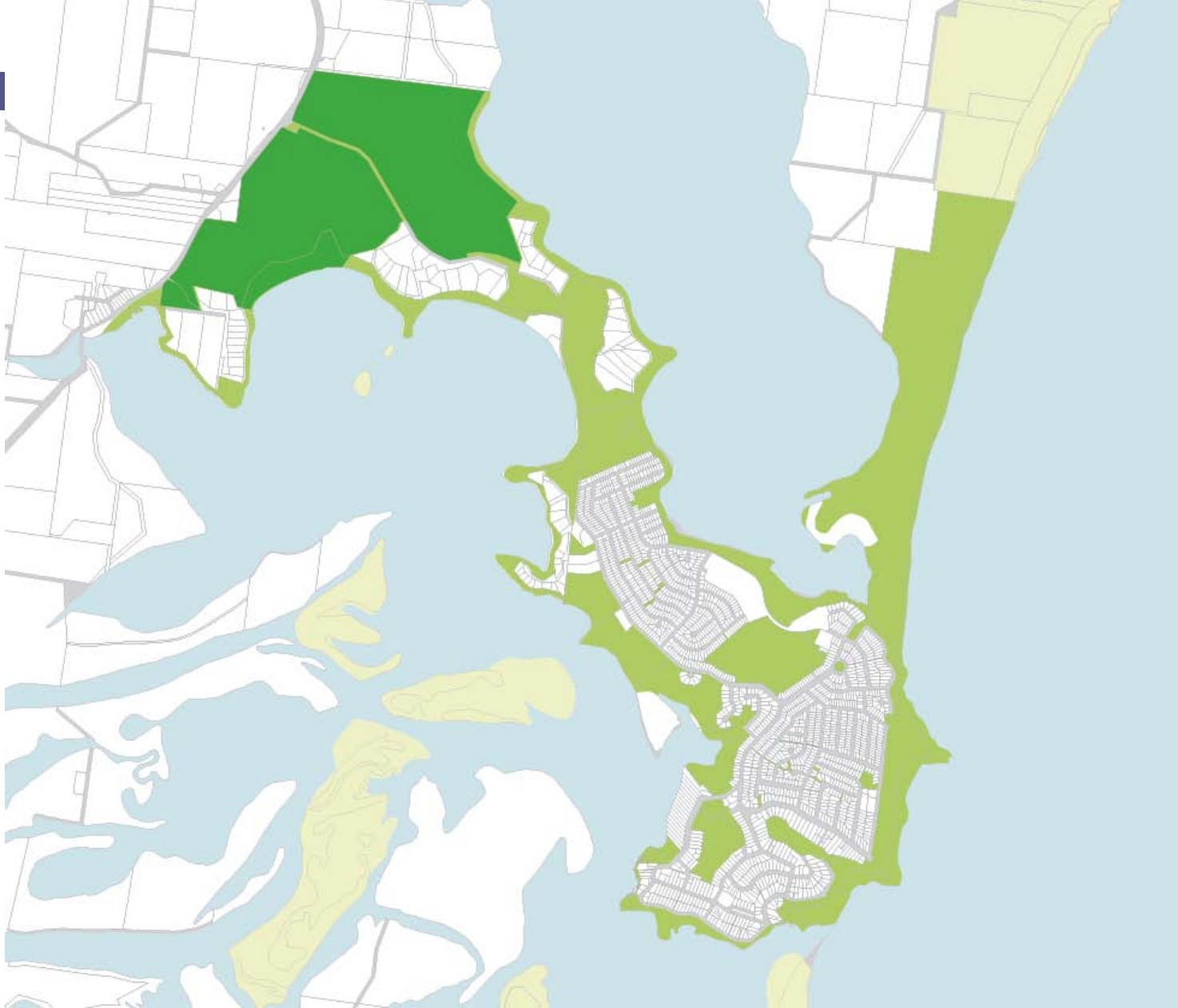
MAIN OUTCOMES OF THE STRATEGY

- Classification of Council owned Recreation and Open Space according to Planning Framework
- Inventory of current supply
- Direction for rationalisation of existing space by consolidation disposal and embellishment
- Key recommendations for development of new space and facilities



TUROSS HEAD

- Current population 2353, projected to grow to 2603 over life of strategy. 0.53% medium growth rate
- Growth is constrained due to land availability and topography creating an isolated community
- Ageing community – main concentration of retirees and couples without children
- Tuross has more than double the area of Community Land when compared to other planning areas
- 329Ha total (159Ha = Kyla Park Grazing Area)





QUESTIONS

9. Can Council staff advise why there is nothing proposed in the way of new facilities for the proposed population increase over the next twenty years. Can Council please advise why there is no proposed extension to the Tuross Head Netball Courts?

One Tree Point

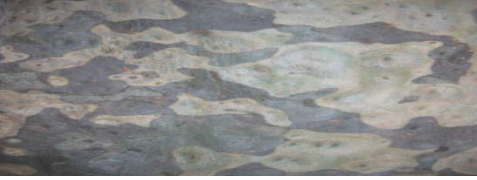
- Upgrade of lookout/path/seating and beach access

Youth Facilities

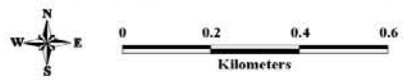
- Provide a youth facility in form of multi purpose sports enclosure(rage cage), basketball half court or skate spots along cycle ways

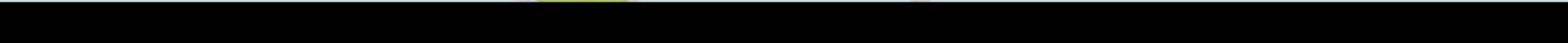
Kyla Park

- New Master Plan to be prepared
- Feasibility study to be undertaken to redevelop Kyla Park Hall
- Tennis Clubhouse Upgrade, Court Resurfacing
- Investigate Community Garden/Village Green



Recreation and Open Space Strategy - Land and Assets for Investigation for Disposal
TUROSS HEAD







WHY RATIONALISE TENNIS FACILITIES?

Current State of Play – Tennis Australia

- Lack of long term planning and proper maintenance
- Absence of appropriate capital to fund major redevelopment
- Nationally clubhouses are reported to be in average condition and ageing
- Declining membership and volunteers
- Need for promotion and marketing and management and more diverse programs
- Night time participation is increasing or most popular
- Noted the advantages in creating alliances with other facilities
- Increasing reliance on external grants and support for facility upgrades



WHY RATIONALISE TENNIS FACILITIES?

- Population Growth and Catchments
- Evidence from both Council and Tennis Australia
- Facilities – Rationalisation through consolidation and enhancement
- Funding – through National Court Rebate Scheme
- Tourism and Economic Development



WHY RATIONALISE TENNIS FACILITIES?

Current State of Play - Eurobodalla

- All participants showed a decline in membership over the last 3 years
- Top 3 issues for respondents:
 - Diminishing interest in sport
 - Inability to attract new members
 - Membership costs and fees
- Smaller 2 court facilities were inadequate to host social games
- Requests were for court resurfacing and better maintenance and long term planning.
- Dalmeny requested over \$100,000 through the management plan process for clubhouse and court upgrades
- Broulee and Narooma requested additional courts



QUESTIONS

5. Can Council advise exactly what prior consultation was carried out between Council and the Tuross Tennis Club and the Tuross Community prior to drafting the strategy?
6. Council were advised, in person, by the current THTC president of the contact details of both himself and the new committee. THTC records also show that Council was emailed the contact details of each of the new committee members. The committee has received no correspondence in regard to the proposal and as such are of the opinion that no consultation has been carried out. Can Council comment?
 - Online Survey : March 2009 – September 2009
 - Sporting Clubs Survey : May 2009
 - Council contacted clubs to encourage response : August 2009
 - Council received notification of change of contact details : September 2009

 - May 2008 – Tennis Sub Committee Meeting : Council outlines need for tennis Clubs to perform better
 - May 2009 - Sports Council Meeting advising development of Strategy
 - 30 March 2010 – Tennis Sub Committee Meeting



QUESTIONS

4. Can Council clearly define exactly which courts it proposes to remove?

- Recommendation for discussion. No formal conclusive decision has been made
- Council is willing to work with the Tennis Club to explore all available options

10 . Can Council staff advise if the distinct (and Council acknowledged) lack of public transport was taken into consideration when it was determined to rationalise Tuross Tennis Facilities with a view to expanding more centralised facilities in Narooma and Moruya? How did Council imagine younger and older Tuross Tennis Players accessing these centralised facilities?

- accessibility was a consideration in making recommendations.
- Residents are already travelling to these alternate facilities



QUESTIONS

1. Can Council clearly advise the community of exactly how much revenue it has received since taking over management of the Tuross Tennis Courts?
2. Can Council clearly advise how much it has spent on the Tuross Tennis Courts since taking over management?
8. Can Council advise the THTC and the Tuross Head Community on exactly how much it is subsidising the TH Tennis Courts.

Answers on next slide



Cost and Life Cycle for tennis courts

Surface	Expected Life	Average Life	Possible replacement cost	Annual Maintenance Cost	Annual replacement cost	Total amount replacement & maintenance costs
Synthetic Grass	7-14 years	11 years	\$20,000	\$1,000	\$1,120	\$2,120
Net	7 years	7 years	\$250	\$20	\$50	\$70
Posts/Winders	15 years	15 years	\$450	\$20	\$30	\$50
Lights	25 years	20 years	12,000	\$400	\$600	\$1,000
Fencing (4 courts in a row costed per court)	25 years	25 years	\$8,000	\$200	\$320	\$520
Total Cost per court per annum				\$1,640	\$2,120	\$3,760

Annual income required for replacement and maintenance

Single Court Complex	\$3,760	per annum
2 Court Complex	\$7,520	per annum
3 Court Complex	\$11,280	per annum
4 Court Complex	\$15,040	per annum

Tuross Tennis Courts Income and Expenditure						Management Committee Control	
	09/10	08/09	07/08	06/07	05/06	04/05	03/04
Accummulated Funds at commencement of financial year	\$9,943	\$6,535	\$4,011	\$0	\$0	5,544.00	4,722.00
Income							
Annual User fees	3604	4144	3438	2904	0	707	250
Casual User Fees	1533	2337	2037	1534	2427	1353	2209
Coach Hire Fees		109	39				
Total income	\$5,137	\$6,590	\$5,514	\$4,438	\$2,427	\$2,060	\$2,459
Expenditure							
Electricity	\$459	\$673	\$503	\$340	\$580	500.00	480.00
Commissions for fees collected	\$307	\$510	\$400	\$242	\$486	145.00	283.00
General Maintenance	\$10	\$121	\$2,102	\$37		10.00	874.00
Capital Items	\$737	\$1,825					
Total Expenditure	\$1,513	\$3,129	\$3,005	\$619	\$1,066	\$655	\$1,637
Remainder for asset maintenance	3,624.00	3,461.00	2,509.00	4,011.00	1,361.00	1,405.00	822.00



QUESTIONS

3. Can Council advise why it continues to disregard requests by Tuross Tennis Club to remove the adjacent trees that have been long reported as causing damage to the courts and mottling the light for tennis play which is of particular concern to older players and of major concern in regards to player safety in terms of slips and falls?
- Trees were planted by THTC
 - Council Staff have advised THTC to lift shade cloth around courts
 - CSR December 2008 – Site Inspection, 7 trees tagged for assessment and 4 removed
 - CSR February 2010 – Site Assessment and staff noted no obvious hazard to public or rot/discolouration to courts



QUESTIONS

7. Can Council advise why there is such an enormous hike in Tennis Fees in the Draft Fees and Charges 2010-2011 On observation the increase in fees for a fee per player(no lights) is in the order of 74%



Further Questions?